

mn DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

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The Honorable Carrie Ruud, Chair
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St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Bill Ingebrigtsen, Chair
Environment and Natural Resources Finance
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The Honorable Dan Fabian, Chair
House Environment & Natural Resources Policy and
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Dear Senators and Representative:

Attached please find a report to the Legislature relating to the management of Sand Dunes State Forest. This report is a requirement of Chapter 189, Section 47 of Minnesota Session Law 2016 which stated in subpart b:

“By January 15, 2017, the commissioner must submit a report, prepared by the Division of Forestry, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources with the Division of Forestry's progress on collaborating with local citizens and other stakeholders over the past year when making decisions that impact the landscape, including forest conversions and other clear-cutting activities, and the division's progress on other citizen engagement activities.”

An electronic copy of the report has been sent to the Legislative Reference Library and will be posted on the DNR's website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/aboutdnr/reports/index.html#Legislative.

If you have questions regarding this material or need additional information, please contact DNR Forestry Director Forrest Boe at 651-259-5615.

Sincerely,



Tom Landwehr
Commissioner